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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Sheela C. Chawan

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 and 26-29 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 22-25 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/11/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 2/11/04, the examiner is considering the information disclosure statement.

Drawings

2. The Examiner has approved drawings filed on 2/11/04.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Uchida (US. 20010025342 A1).

As to claim 21, Uchida, discloses a process for detecting and extracting fingerprints (fig 1, page 3, paragraph 0026) from digital data, comprising:

determining embedding regions within the digital data (fig 1,13, page 2, paragraph 0022, page 3, paragraph 0027, 0028,0029,0030,0031,0036);

using a plurality of secret keys (page 3, paragraph 0027, 0028,0029,0030,0031,0036) to perform watermark detection on each of the embedding regions (page 4, paragraph 0040,0041,0042,0045,0046); and

detecting identification information associated with a secret key (page 3, paragraph 0029,0030,0031,0036, 0037, Page 4, paragraph 0043,0047,0048 and 0050).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-20 and 26 - 29 are allowed.

The present invention is directed towards a computer-implemented method for desynchronized fingerprinting of digital data. The prior art fails to teach or suggest a method of selecting desynchronization regions in the digital data for desynchronizing copies of the digital data from each other; performing random desynchronization for each of the desynchronization regions to randomly vary a width of each of the desynchronization regions; and embedding fingerprints at each of the embedding regions to produce desynchronized fingerprinted digital data, as specified in the independent claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 22- 25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claims 22- 25, the prior art, taken either singly or in combination, does not teach:

As to claim 22 - computing multiple hash values of the digital data and determining the embedding regions using the multiple hash values.

As to claim 23 - extracting collaborator information from the identification information.

As to claim 24 - constructing a list of collaborators from the collaborator information representing a list of persons who collaborated in producing the digital data.

As to claim 25 - One or more computer-readable media having computer-readable instructions thereon which, when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to implement the method.

Other prior art cited

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Hoffberg (US. 20070053513A1) discloses intelligent electronic appliance system and method.

McGrath et al., (US. 7,043,638 B2) discloses material display.

Felsher (US.20020010679A1) discloses information record infrastructure, system and method.


Contact Information

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheela C Chawan whose telephone number is. 571-272-7446. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 7.30 - 6.00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eileen Lillis can be reached on 571-272-6928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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